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Amendments to the Abstract:

ABSTRACT

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Abstract

When fresh water is produced from salt water or similar by evaporation of untreated or crude liquid in an evaporation device [(10)] under partial vacuum and by vapour condensation in a condensation device [(23)] connected with the vapour outlet of the evaporation device [(10)], a high degree of evaporation and cost effectiveness can be obtained in that the evaporation device [(10)] and the condensation device [(23)], in a disconnected condition, are filled with crude or clean liquid, respectively, and are subsequently exposed to a partial vacuum created by volume enlargement under hermetically sealed conditions and that the evaporation device [(10)] and the condensation device [(23)] are not flow-connected with each other until they are under partial vacuum.

[(Figure 1)]